

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the indication that claims 4-10 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 4-10 are now pending, with claim 4 being the sole independent claim. Claims 1-3 and 11-13 have been canceled. Dependent claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of independent claim 1 which has been canceled. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

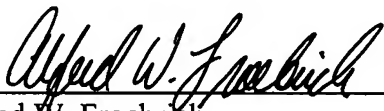
Dependent claim 4 has been placed into independent form by incorporating the subject matter of independent claim 1 (now canceled). Since claim 4 was indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicants submit that claim 4, as now amended, is in condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 5-10 each depend from independent claim 4 and are therefore allowable because the independent claim is allowable. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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